

Agness – Illahe Road Construction News

August 4th, 2003

This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.

ROAD CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE. *This will pose the following schedule: 1 HOUR DELAYS MONDAY 6:00am to 8:00pm, ROAD CLOSED 7:00AM TUESDAY TO 5:00PM THURSDAY, 1 HOUR DELAYS FRIDAY 6:00am to 8:00pm. Weekend work may occur, but with very little notice. If work occurs on the weekend delays will be kept to a minimum. When one hour closures are being utilized, the road is open at the top of the hour only. A nightshift has started and will continue for approximately one month. During the nightshift work the road will have minimal delays. While the Illahe road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar via Agness Pass. If coming from or returning to the Rogue Valley it is suggested to use the Eden Valley route rather than the Bear Camp route. New signs along this route have been installed to clearly mark the route and printable maps are available on the project website www.agness-road.com.*

For the week of August 4th, the contractor plans to continue trenching for the underground power conduit. Crews will continue work on retaining wall #4 and installing culverts throughout the project. Crews will finish one rockery wall and start the second. The nightshift plans to finish the rock buttress on Wednesday and return to culvert work. Starting at 8pm each night trucks will be hauling from the Sawtooth Quarry to the project. These trucks will haul all night so please watch for them.

The roadway is greatly changing by the day if not by the hour, so please be alert watching for the changing road conditions. There are many traffic switches and large excavated holes to drive around and thru. Please, keep speeds down and eyes on the road!

Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project. During construction hours there is no fishing allowed at Two Mile Creek.

Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is www.agness-road.org.

All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:

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